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Organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act recognized worldwide as the greatest expression of compassion. More than 93,000 individuals nationwide and 19,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant wait list, and every 90 minutes, one person dies while waiting for a donated organ. A single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives, and donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others.

Each year, 25,000 lives are saved and the quality of life for many hundreds of thousands more is enhanced by organ and tissue transplantation. Many bereaved families find a measure of comfort in donating organs and tissue so that others may benefit.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2007 as "National Donate Life Month" in the County of Los Angeles, and in doing so, acknowledge the Donate Life California Registry, and urge Los Angeles County citizens to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation and exercise their power to donate life.

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